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Senator Toni Harp
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Senator Harp:

It is very important to the people living in Heritage Village in Southbury that you vote against an ETC charge from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 of .0038 cents/KW hr. used and an ERRB charge that will continue for eight years after July 1, 2011. These charges are very expensive for those who must use electricity for heating as well as all appliances. I understand at the time Heritage Village was built, CL&P offered guaranteed low rates if the builders would limit energy use to electricity. The low rates haven't existed for a long time, but all energy use – all appliances plus heating our units - in Heritage Village is still electricity.

The cost of electricity for us is already overwhelming. For the most part the 4,000 to 5,000 people living in the Village are from the "greatest generation" as Tom Brokaw put it. We were born during the Great Depression, worked or fought around the clock during WWII, made do with what ration books would allow us to have, changed the USA to the number 1 world power, raised and educated our children for success – and we paid for that as we did it. No generation has been asked to make the sacrifices that we have made. Tom Brokaw seems to be the only one of subsequent generations to realize our accomplishments. We do hear that we are now a liability – the greatest liability. We managed to retire on fixed incomes that are shrinking as money becomes worthless. Most of us are already back to living as we did during the Great Depression and most of us will not last the eight years that this proposed unconstitutional tax will last.

It's ironic that when elected officials look around for someone to make a sacrifice to reduce the state fiscal deficit, you pick us – who happen to be customers of CL&P. Our only defense is our ability to vote and the hope that you will care that this tax may be the straw that breaks our backs and vote against it.

Sincerely,


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